

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**EUGENE C. THACH, PRESIDENT, PRESIDING**

**July 12, 2000**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The July 12, 2000, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Eugene C. Thach of DeSoto County.

Commander John Magness of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach----- District 2  
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3  
Supervisor John Caldwell-----District 4  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5  
W. E. “Sluggo” Davis-----Chancery Clerk  
David Armstrong-----County Administrator  
William Austin-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

The invocation was presented by Supervisor Tommy Lewis.

**C. PLANNING COMMISSION**

The Planning Commission brought several items before the Board of Supervisors as evidenced by the portion of the minutes submitted by the Planning Commission. **\*\*See Exhibit C\*\***

**D. OLD BUSINESS**

**E. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Steve Ottosen - Johnson Country USA**

**2. Beaver Control Report - Pat Huddleston**

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that Pat Huddleston will be unable to attend today’s meeting due to a

**6. Jail Inspection**

In accordance with Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, which states that at least annually, and as often as it may think proper, the Board of Supervisors, or a competent

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person authorized by the Board of Supervisors, shall examine into the state and condition of the jail, in regard to its safety, sufficiency and accommodation of the prisoners, and from time to time take such legal measures as may best tend to secure the prisoners against escape, sickness and infection, and have the jail cleansed.

## **ITEM F.2, CONTINUED,**

Having completed such inspection, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to acknowledge the inspection of the DeSoto County Jail by the Board of Supervisors as outlined in Section 19-5-1 of the Mississippi Code Annotated. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Jim Anderson - Approval of Funding for Library Grant**

Jim Anderson, Director of the First Regional Library, informed the Board of Supervisors that DeSoto County has received a grant in the amount of \$1,401,900.00 under the Public Libraries Capital Improvement Program. County Administrator David Armstrong said the total grant is \$3,259,500.00 with the County's match being \$1,857,600.00. Mr. Anderson said the grant will be used to expand the Hernando Library, the Olive Branch Library, and to build a new library in Southaven in the Snowden Park area.

Mr. Anderson said he needed authorization to contract with an architect and authorization to proceed with an inspection for asbestos and lead paint the two buildings that are to be expanded. Mr. Anderson said he recommends Marvin Johnson as the architect.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how much the project will cost in addition to the grant funds. Mr. Armstrong said that Architect Marvin Johnson will come back to the Board with a design and a cost estimate. Supervisor Lewis said that the Board needs to give Mr. Johnson direction of how much the Board plans to budget for the project. Supervisor Eugene Thach said that the Board cannot decide on an amount until they see what happens with the proposed bond issue. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that they will know if the bond issue is going to a referendum on July 5, 2000.

Supervisor John Caldwell asked how long the County has to accept the grant. Mr. Anderson said that there is not a time limit.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked how much it will cost for the asbestos and lead paint inspection. Marvin Johnson said that he estimates it to be \$500.00 to \$600.00 but will find out exactly how much it will be. Supervisor Lewis asked if that amount is in Mr. Anderson's budget. Mr. Anderson said he does not have any extra funds left in the budget to cover the inspection.

Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to negotiate a contract with Marvin Johnson for architectural services for the expansion of the Hernando Library and the Olive Branch Library, and for the new Southaven library, and authorized Jim Anderson to proceed with the asbestos and lead paint inspection of the Hernando Library and the Olive Branch Library. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.3\*\***

Supervisor Eugene Thach made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to recess from 12:45 p.m. until 1:45 p.m. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

### **4. Authorization to Open Bids on June 26, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.**

- a. 2000 Gallon Tanker for Nesbit Volunteer Fire Department**
- b. Sale of 69.8 Acre Tract of County-owned Land**

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Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids on June 26, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. for bid file number 00-251-002, one new 2000 gallon tanker for the Nesbit Volunteer Fire

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Department and for the sale of 69.8 acre tract of County-owned land. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.4.a. and F.4.b\*\***

**5. Authorization to Advertise in MAS**

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that authorization was needed to advertise in the *Mississippi Supervisor, Chancery Clerk, Tax Assessor, & Collector* Magazine and that the deadline to submit the advertisement is June 9, 2000. Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve an advertisement for DeSoto County in the inside front cover of the *Mississippi Supervisor, Chancery Clerk, Tax Assessor, & Collector* Magazine at a cost of \$ 775.00, and to authorize the clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----YES  
Supervisor Eugene Thach-----YES  
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----YES  
Supervisor John Caldwell-----NO  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----YES

**\*\*See Exhibit F.5\*\***

**6. Budget Amendment**

**a. E-911**

No action by the Board of Supervisors was needed on this item.

**b. Tax Collector**

**c. Sheriff’s Department**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 19-11-11 of the Mississippi Code, the Board of Supervisors did discuss an amendment to the budget for the Fiscal year beginning October 1, 1999, and ending September 30, 2000. Supervisor John Caldwell made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve the budget amendment for the Tax Collector and the Sheriff’s Department under the provisions of Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Section 19-11-19 as follows:

<u>Tax Collector</u>			
Increase	001-104-521	Legal Advertising	\$ 625.00
Increase	001-104-523	Contract Printing	\$1,555.00
Increase	001-104-570	Insurance & Fidelity Bond	\$ 808.00
Increase	001-104-571	Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 381.00
Decrease	001-104-587	Training & Registration	\$ 500.00
Decrease	001-104-600	Record Books	\$ 150.00
Decrease	001-104-602	Duplication/Reproduction Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
Decrease	001-901-999	General Fund	\$ 1,719.00
<u>Sheriff’s Department</u>			
Increase	001-200-543	Repair Office Equipment	\$ 500.00
Increase	001-200-603	Office Supplies	\$ 250.00
Increase	001-200-933	Office Machines & Equipment	\$ 500.00
Decrease	001-200-533	Rent	\$ 500.00

Decrease	001-200-639	Signs	\$ 750.00
Increase	116-228-934	Furniture & Fixtures	\$ 500.00

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Decrease	116-228-603	Learning Materials	\$ 500.00
Increase	001-220-523	Contract Printing	\$ 650.00
Increase	001-220-568	Transport Prisoners	\$ 1,000.00
Decrease	001-220-937	Radios	\$ 1,650.00
Increase	001-202-542	Repair to Vehicles	\$13,965.00
Increase	001-000-383	Insurance Proceeds	\$13,965.00

The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.6.b and F.6.c\*\***

**d. Property and Casualty Insurance**

County Administrator David Armstrong informed the Board of Supervisors that due to an increase of \$250,959.00 in the premium for property and casualty insurance, a budget amendment from the General Fund is necessary. Mr. Armstrong said that the premium will be paid out of the individual departments. Mr. Armstrong said a breakdown of the individual departments is listed on the handout. Mr. Armstrong said the total amount of the budget amendment is \$201,566.25.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked where Mr. Armstrong got the totals. Mr. Armstrong said the figures are prorated based on each department’s use. Supervisor John Caldwell asked if funds for the Road Budget can be taken out of the General Fund. Board Attorney Bill Austin said funds from the General Fund cannot be transferred to the Road Budget. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if one check from the General Fund can be written for the premium. Mr. Armstrong said that one check can be written for the total amount.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve payment of the invoice to Brown & Haynes, Inc for the property and casualty insurance premium in the amount of \$457,928.00 from the General Fund and authorized the Clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.6.d\*\***

**7. Approval of Late Bill - County Engineer Daniel Murphy**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented a bill from County Engineer Daniel Murphy for approval. Mr. Armstrong said the bill was turned in on time but was accidentally left off of the claims docket. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked what projects the invoice covers. Mr. Armstrong said he would check and ask Mr. Murphy for an itemization on future invoices. Supervisor Gerald Clifton made a motion and Supervisor John Caldwell seconded the motion to approve payment of a late bill to County Engineer Daniel Murphy in the amount of \$9,063.00 and authorized the Clerk to write the check. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.7\*\***

**8. Request for Delta Regional Commission Resolution**

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board of Supervisors that Hugh Jack Stubbs, the County Administrator for Coahoma County, requested that DeSoto County adopt a resolution in support of the creation of the Delta Regional Commission and then forward the resolution to Governor Musgrove and the Legislators. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to take this item under advisement. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote. **\*\*See Exhibit F.8\*\***

**9. Reimbursement from Laurie Wilson for People to People Donation**

At the request of Supervisor Jessie Medlin, no action was taken on this item.

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G. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The “Executive Session” portion of this meeting is presented under the portion of minutes called “Executive Session.

H. OTHER ISSUES

1. Personnel - Civil Defense

County Administrator David Armstrong formally recognized Pat Boyd of Civil Defense for her organizing the Earthquake Conference held in Tunica last week. Mr. Armstrong said that MEMA also presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Boyd. The Board of Supervisors thanked and commended Ms. Boyd for her efforts to make the conference a success.

2. County Barn

Supervisor Tommy Lewis informed the Board of Supervisors that a constituent approached him about renting space at a County barn for hay storage. Board Attorney Bill Austin said that the County cannot rent the barn unless the property is deemed as surplus and the space is bid out for a certain time period, and a public process must be held to make the space available to everyone.

3. Goodman Road Right of Ways

Supervisor Jessie Medlin told the Board of Supervisors that Board Attorney Bill Austin researched the right of ways on Crutcher Lane on Goodman and found that there is 30' to 40' of right of way platted and the description is written for up to 50' of right of way. Supervisor Medlin said that Finas Dodson, Jr. gave a 30' easement when he built his house and does not wish to give 50' because he has a well on the other 20'. Supervisor Medlin said that Road Manager Kenny Gunn said the work can be done in less than 50' because there is no slope. Supervisor John Caldwell made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept a 30' easement on the property of Finas Dodson, Jr. and his wife Louise Evelyn Dodson. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to recess until June 19, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. The **motion passed** by a unanimous vote.

THIS the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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EUGENE C. THACH, President  
DeSoto County Board of Supervisors

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